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SECRETARY

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1. EMBASSY FINDS IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY AT THIS POINT
WHETHER OR NOT TURKISH REPRESENTATIVES TO OECD MINISTERIAL
WILL REQUEST BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH
SECRETARY VANCE OR OTHER US DELEGATES. AS OF JUNE 13,
MFA SECRETARY GENERAL FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
NAZIT CUHRUK, DEMONSTRATED IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH
E/C COUNSELOR THAT HE HAD NOT FOCUSSED ON OECD MEETING.
HE DID NOT KNOW, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT SECRETARY VANCE
PLANNED TO BE THERE AND SAID THAT HE WOULD MAKE THAT
INFORMATION KNOWN WITHIN HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. NEW GOVERNMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORMED FOLLOWING TURKISH
ELECTIONS OF JUNE 5. FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL IS
REMAINING IN OFFICE UNDER CARETAKER GOVERNMENT.
IF NEW GOVERNMENT IS NOT FORMED UNTIL AFTER MINISTERIAL,
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HE MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO HEAD THE TURKISH DELEGATION. EMBASSY
WOULD JUDGE THAT HE HAS, TO DATE, SHOWN NO INTENTION OF GOING. WE
ASSUME THAT IN THIS PERIOD OF INTENSE POLITICAL
MANEUVERING IN TURKEY, HE MIGHT WISH TO BE INVOLVED AT
HOME. NEWS THAT SECRETARY VANCE WILL BE IN PARIS COULD,
HOWEVER, PROMPT HIM TO ATTEND.

3. IF NEW GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE FORMED BEFORE MINISTERIAL MEETING, NEW MINISTER MIGHT WELL WISH TO USE OCCASION OF OECD MEETING TO MAKE CONTACT WITH SECRETARY VANCE.

4. EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT NON-MINISTERIAL MEMBERS OF TURKISH DELEGATION WILL SEEK CONSULTATIONS WITH US DELEGATION. IN FINAL WEEKS OF OUTGOING GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING PRESENT POST-ELECTION PERIOD, FEW DECISIONS HAVE BEEN OR ARE BEING MADE IN TURKISH GOVERNMENT. EMBASSY WOULD NOT EXPECT TURKS TO HAVE STAFFED-OUT AT THIS TIME ANY ISSUES FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION WITH US.

5. EMBASSY WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT IF WE RECEIVE CLEARER PICTURE OVER NEXT WEEK OF WHAT TURKS MIGHT DO.
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